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BLM Schedules Prescribed Burn in North Central Socorro County July 7-9

SOCORRO, NM-Starting Thursday, July 7 and continuing through Saturday, July 9, the Bureau of Land Management's Socorro Field Office will be engaging in a prescribed fire. The 2,000-acre burn will take place at Ladrone Peak, 60 miles south of Albuquerque and about 15 miles west of Bernardo exit on I-25 and 20 miles north of Socorro. The burn will take place on the west side of the mountain on the lower slopes, in previously cut and dried fuels to improve forage for wildlife and livestock.

Smoke may be visible from Interstate 25, Socorro, Belen and possibly Albuquerque. The BLM will be assisted by U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service. With the current and predicted weather conditions and the dryness of the fuels, smoke should be light and carried to the east.

If this prescribed burn is successful, the BLM plans to ignite the upper mountain the following week using aerial ignition with a helicopter. This smoke could be visible from Albuquerque.

For additional information, please call the BLM's Socorro Field Office at 505-835-0412.

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